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Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
(HED)

AN ACT CONCERNING NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Board of Trustees of
2 the Community-Technical Colleges shall waive, in accordance with
3 this subsection, the payment of up to five thousand dollars of tuition
4 per year, for up to two years, at the regional community-technical
5 colleges for any individual who enrolls, not later than July 1, 2012, in a
6 degree or occupational certificate program at a regional community-
7 technical college in a high demand field, emerging industry or
8 entrepreneurship program. In order to be eligible for such tuition
9 waiver, the individual shall (1) be unemployed, receive notice of
10 termination from employment or be employed with a gross annual
11 family income at or below forty thousand dollars, (2) be at least
12 eighteen years of age, (3) have graduated from high school prior to
13 July 1, 2008, and (4) not have been enrolled as a full-time student at an
14 institution of higher education prior to July 1, 2010.

15 (b) Such individual shall earn such degree or occupational certificate
16 not later than four years after enrolling in the degree or occupational

17 certificate program. In the event such individual does not earn such
18 degree or occupational certificate within four years of enrollment, the
19 individual shall be responsible for payment of the tuition waived
20 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

21 (c) The regional workforce development boards established
22 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes shall assist individuals
23 who meet the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section with
24 identifying the high demand fields and emerging industries in such
25 individual's region.

26 (d) For purposes of this section, "tuition" includes instructional
27 costs, books, materials, fees and academic supportive services.

28 Sec. 2. Subsection (g) of section 10a-77 of the 2010 supplement to the
29 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
30 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

31 (g) The Regional Community-Technical Colleges Operating Fund
32 shall be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers
33 granted under subsection (d) of this section and section 1 of this act
34 exceed five per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state
35 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
36 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
37 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in
38 which such appropriation will apply.

39 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Board of Trustees of the
40 Connecticut State University System shall waive, in accordance with
41 this subsection, the payment of up to five thousand dollars of tuition
42 per year, for up to two years, at the Connecticut State University
43 System for any individual who enrolls, not later than July 1, 2012, in a
44 degree or occupational certificate program offered by the Connecticut
45 State University System in a high demand field, emerging industry or
46 entrepreneurship program. In order to be eligible for such tuition
47 waiver, the individual shall (1) be unemployed, receive notice of

48 termination from employment or be employed with a gross annual
49 family income at or below forty thousand dollars, (2) be at least
50 eighteen years of age, (3) have graduated from high school prior to
51 July 1, 2008, and (4) not have been enrolled as a full-time student at an
52 institution of higher education prior to July 1, 2010.

53 (b) Such individual shall earn such degree or occupational certificate
54 not later than four years after enrolling in the degree or occupational
55 certificate program. In the event such individual does not earn such
56 degree or occupational certificate within four years of enrollment, the
57 individual shall be responsible for payment of the tuition waived
58 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

59 (c) The regional workforce development boards established
60 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes shall assist individuals
61 who meet the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section with
62 identifying the high demand fields and emerging industries in such
63 individual's region.

64 (d) For purposes of this section, "tuition" includes instructional
65 costs, books, materials, fees and academic supportive services.

66 Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 10a-99 of the 2010 supplement to the
67 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
68 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

69 (g) The Connecticut State University System Operating Fund shall
70 be reimbursed for the amount by which the tuition waivers granted
71 under subsection (d) of this section and section 3 of this act exceed two
72 and one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state
73 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
74 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
75 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in
76 which such appropriation will apply.

77 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Board of Trustees of The

78 University of Connecticut shall waive, in accordance with this
79 subsection, the payment of up to five thousand dollars of tuition per
80 year, for up to two years, at The University of Connecticut for any
81 individual who enrolls, not later than July 1, 2012, in a degree or
82 occupational certificate program at The University of Connecticut in a
83 high demand field, emerging industry or entrepreneurship program.
84 In order to be eligible for such tuition waiver, the individual shall (1)
85 be unemployed, receive notice of termination from employment or be
86 employed with a gross annual family income at or below forty
87 thousand dollars, (2) be at least eighteen years of age, (3) have
88 graduated from high school prior to July 1, 2008, and (4) not have been
89 enrolled as a full-time student at an institution of higher education
90 prior to July 1, 2010.

91 (b) Such individual shall earn such degree or occupational certificate
92 not later than four years after enrolling in the degree or occupational
93 certificate program. In the event such individual does not earn such
94 degree or occupational certificate within four years of enrollment, the
95 individual shall be responsible for payment of the tuition waived
96 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

97 (c) The regional workforce development boards established
98 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes shall assist individuals
99 who meet the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section with
100 identifying the high demand fields and emerging industries in such
101 individual's region.

102 (d) For purposes of this section, "tuition" includes instructional
103 costs, books, materials, fees and academic supportive services.

104 Sec. 6. Subsection (h) of section 10a-105 of the 2010 supplement to
105 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
106 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2010*):

107 (h) The University of Connecticut Operating Fund shall be
108 reimbursed for the amount by which tuition waivers granted under

109 subsection (e) of this section and section 5 of this act exceed two and
110 one-half per cent of tuition revenue through an annual state
111 appropriation. The board of trustees shall request such an
112 appropriation and said appropriation shall be based upon an estimate
113 of tuition revenue loss using tuition rates in effect for the fiscal year in
114 which such appropriation will apply.

115 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) The Board of Governors of
116 Higher Education shall waive, in accordance with this subsection, the
117 payment of up to five thousand dollars of tuition per year, for up to
118 two years, at any training program approved by the board for any
119 individual who enrolls, not later than July 1, 2012, in a degree or
120 occupational certificate program offered by such training program in a
121 high demand field, emerging industry or entrepreneurship program.
122 In order to be eligible for such tuition waiver, the individual shall (1)
123 be unemployed, receive notice of termination from employment or be
124 employed with a gross annual family income at or below forty
125 thousand dollars, (2) be at least eighteen years of age, (3) have
126 graduated from high school prior to July 1, 2008, and (4) not have been
127 enrolled as a full-time student at an institution of higher education
128 prior to July 1, 2010.

129 (b) Such individual shall earn such degree or occupational certificate
130 not later than four years after enrolling in the degree or occupational
131 certificate program. In the event such individual does not earn such
132 degree or occupational certificate within four years of enrollment, the
133 individual shall be responsible for payment of the tuition waived
134 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

135 (c) The regional workforce development boards established
136 pursuant to section 31-3k of the general statutes shall assist individuals
137 who meet the criteria set forth in subsection (a) of this section with
138 identifying the high demand fields and emerging industries in such
139 individual's region.

140 (d) For purposes of this section, "tuition" includes instructional

141 costs, books, materials, fees and academic supportive services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-77(g)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-99(g)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	10a-105(h)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2010</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To waive up to ten thousand dollars in tuition for individuals who meet certain eligibility criteria and enroll in a degree or certificate program in a high demand field, emerging industry or entrepreneurship program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]